GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT POLICY
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to review its procurement policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) the extent to which the Government have agreed to assist the farmers of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requestedthe Government of India to undertake procurement of paddy which has not been done in the past.

(c) & (d) : It has been decided that upto ten lakh tonnes of paddy will be procured by the Food Corporation of India and the State Government Agencies in the proportion of 30 percent and 70 percent, respectively, during the current Kharif Marketing Season,2000-2001.